

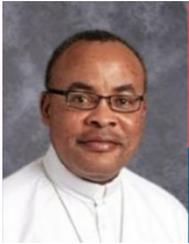


Knights Corner

FATHER SCHUMAKER COUNCIL NO. 6772
BROOKLYN CENTER, MN 55429

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Chaplain's Message: Fr. Marcel E. Okwara, CSsR



Dear brother Knights,

Many people go through life without really knowing what they fundamentally want, as such like a driftwood, they drift and get lost. In times past, all of us have wondered about aimlessly. But due to mercy, God's mercy, tender-loving mercy, mercy that is ever anew, we found the Lord, or better still God found us. The Gospel of John 1:35-38 narrates how two disciples of John the Baptist left him to follow Jesus. Upon hearing John the Baptist announce Jesus as the "Lamb of God," they left John and followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following him, he asked, "What are you looking for?" The question, "What are you looking for?" is addressed to anyone who is lost in the wilderness of the world; it is addressed to those who are wandering about in a lonely road of spiritual and moral aridity. It is addressed to anyone who is anxious, angry, bitter, hateful, divisive, restless, and violent. It is addressed to all those who are so restive and edgy in our nation today. The question is addressed to you and me and to all regular people, everyday Christian out there. The question is an opportunity for John's disciples to declare their intention. Before Jesus appeared on the public scene, they had been John's disciples. John is a forerunner, a great prophet, but not the *Salvator* (Savior). His disciples wanted something more, something that John is not able to be and provide. However, rather than answer the question Jesus posed to them, they posed their own question, "Rabbi, where are you staying?" They are basically declaring their deepest desire to be with him. Jesus' response, "*Come and you will see,*" is his warm invitation to them as well as to us. Come and you will see what is possible with God. Come and you will see what is inevitable without Him.

Brothers, "What are you looking for?" I hope your answer is eternal life. I hope it is friendship with God. I hope it is holiness. Those are the simple, clear, and unambiguous articulation of any believer who truly wants to be more like Jesus. Some people may know, more or less, what they want spiritually, but due to worldly distractions and opposition, they are not able to summon the courage and attention needed to actualize their spiritual aspiration. They know they should be growing in holiness, but the secular culture that continuously proposes sex, sensual pleasure, power, honor, vain glory, esteem of others etc cause them to lose their way. They know their life should be all about Jesus, that Jesus should be at the center of their life, that everyday is an opportunity to deepen their relationship with him, but due to criticism and mockery of people who are stuck in the way of the world, who call their choice of life old fashioned and outdated, they quit walking with Jesus.

According to John's Gospel, "*What are you looking for?*" is Jesus' first words at the beginning of his public ministry. After the completion of his ministry, he asks Mary of Magdala a similar question, "*Whom are you looking for?*" (Jn. 20:15). The two questions not only set the ministry of Jesus but are questions that every man and woman should and must ask themselves as they explore the meaning and direction of their lives. What are you looking for? Whom are you looking for?

God bless you!

Rev. Marcel Divine Emeka Okwara, CSsR



In the Spirit of continue service to our Council, Church and Community, I bring you heartfelt greetings to all officers and members of Council #6772.



Now that the summer season is gradually coming to an end, we must remind ourselves of the mission of Jesus Christ is laid upon us even more. As Knights, we have all pledged to do the work of Christ here on earth; as the result, of the priceless gift of Jesus He has given to us as Catholic, Christians. Therefore, let's get His work done..... NOW because, tomorrow is not promised to us.

As a result - oriented Grand Knight, I am so pleased to inform all brother Knights that our Council is the only council in our district currently to have been awarded the "Star Council Award of excellence" based on merits; as the result, of all of us commitment, dedication and hard work to make it happen.

Please pray for our Council in hope that we continue to find new ways to exemplify our core principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism in the Knights of Columbus, Church, Community and the greater society at large.

Finally, I express sincere gratitude to all brother Knights including all new members with the hope that together we will continue to strive to achieve higher heights for Christ in His service.

Thank you,
Vivat Jesus,
George T. Morris, GK



You have seen Knights around the parish in action. But what does it mean to join the Knights of Columbus? It means you are part of the largest Catholic fraternal organization in the world – with over two million members just like you. Knights build each other up to become good stewards of our faith and help protect our families and communities. In addition to the camaraderie and good times we enjoy as a member of the Knights you are a:

PROTECTOR OF FAITH – Our Catholic faith is central to everything we do. We offer a wide array of e-books, articles and videos to members to help them and their families grow in their faith.

PROTECTOR OF THE DEFENSELESS – Our Catholic faith strengthens our pro-life values as we stand up for those most vulnerable.

BROTHER FOR LIFE – With over 15,000 councils around the world, there is a local brotherhood for you to join and grow with as you serve your community.

COMMUNITY LEADER – From helping the homeless to disaster relief aid to widely recognized programs like Coats for Kids, the Knights are always there when their communities need them most.

PROTECTOR OF FAMILY – We offer top quality insurance products exclusively to our members to help them protect their families. The Knights offer whole life and term life insurance, disability income insurance to protect against the loss of a paycheck, and our top rated long term care insurance policies. Your brother Knight Dan Falstad is the local field agent for the Knights, and will be there to service your policy or help out your beneficiaries when the time comes.

ADDITIONAL INSURANCE INFORMATION – As a fraternal organization we can only offer our insurance products to members. But agent Dan Falstad would be happy to meet with you to review your insurance needs whether you are a member or not. And if you find that coverage through the Knights is the best option for you, he can get you

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signed up with the Knights instantly. Call him today at (612) 310-5254 or email dan.falstad@kofc.org to discuss your insurance needs or for any additional information you would like about the Knights.

All Catholic gentlemen are eligible to join the Knights and there is no commitment outside of annual dues to participate in our charitable, social, and church related activities. But we invite you to join us, and would encourage you to get involved with the Knights and actively participate in all of our activities for the good of the parish and the community. Ask any Knight you recognize from the parish for a membership form, or go to Knights.net to register on-line, and we will contact you shortly with more information.

Council #6772 Activities

9/1/22 Thursday - Council Membership Meeting @ 7PM CSSR Hall
9/5/22 Monday - Labor Day – mass at 8AM in Church
9/8/22 Thursday - The Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary
9/14/22 Wednesday – Blood Drive @ St. Al’s 1:30 – 6:00 pm.
9/14/22 Wednesday - The Exhortation of The Holy Cross
9/15/22 Thursday - Council Planning Meeting @ 7PM CSSR Hall
9/29/22 Thursday - SS. Michael, Gabriel, Raphael; Archangels

Membership Spending Notification:

As required by council bylaws:

Council Officers are notifying council membership of proposed spending \$ 5,000.00- \$ 7,000 to purchase winter coats/gloves for kids in need in Brooklyn Center/Brooklyn Park area.

Proposed spending spread (\$5,000.00 - \$7,000.00) on “Coats for Kids”

Program is due to our council is still getting membership and business donations to buy winter coats. This council funds expenditure item will be on the September 1st membership meeting agenda. If you have questions or concerns – please come to the September 1 membership meeting at 7PM in CSSR Hall.

Free Online Membership ends on October 1st, 2022 – First year free membership into the Knights of Columbus if you join online by October 1st. website: www.kofc.org/joinus
Promo password is – blessedmcgivney – **This is a \$ 25.00 value.** Brother Knights now is the time to invite men to join the order so that they can make a difference in their life, their family life and their community.

Sunshine Report

Sympathy cards sent

Irma Scherer – (Roger Scherer passing)

Get Well Cards sent:

Paul Althoff

Jim Denn

Gert Roers

And for others we may have missed and need our prayers.

*If you know someone who may benefit from a card, please contact:
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Pope Francis's

Prayer of the month:

For the abolition of the death penalty- We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

We pray for all the children and young adults as they return to school:

That they have a safe learning environment.

That they will be treated with respect and love by their teachers and fellow students.

That they will have access to good nutrition so they are able to learn.

Our Mission Statement as A Knight of Columbus: *First, as knights we are called to support the Catholic Church and stand behind our priests; second, we are called to protect our families and third; through our charitable works, we help those less fortunate or are in need, WE ARE ABOUT CHANGING LIVES AND SAVING LIVES*